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## **Madison Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm**

**Madison, Wisconsin** -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Shondell Buchanan, Madison, DOB: 10/03/1979, was sentenced today by United States District Judge John C. Shabaz to 10 years in prison for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, and to five years in prison for failure to appear in court as required. The terms of imprisonment will be served consecutively. Buchanan pleaded guilty to these charges on February 22, 2005.

Buchanan was arrested by Madison Police Department officers on May 25, 2004, after police received a shots fired call near Elver Park. Police stopped a car in which Buchanan was a passenger and recovered a Ruger 9mm pistol, no serial number. Ballistics analysis proved the Ruger had been involved in the shooting. Buchanan admitted the Ruger was his, and that he had stolen it. Buchanan was indicted by a federal grand jury for unlawfully possessing the Ruger as a convicted felon, and he was released on conditions of pretrial release. A mandatory condition of release required Buchanan to appear for all future court appearances. On October 15, 2004, Buchanan failed to appear for his final pretrial conference. Buchanan was arrested on December 11, 2004 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

The charges against Buchanan were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the United States Marshals Service. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant United States Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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